IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

RICHARD C. EBERSOLE et al.

CASE NO.: CL2272USPCT APPLICATION NO.: 10/538590

CONFIRMATION NO.: 8973 GROUP ART UNIT: 1648

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FOR: SEQUENCES DIAGNOSTIC FOR FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

RESPONSE

VIA EFS-WEB

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Introductory Comments

Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2009. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof. This response are believed to be timely filed. If any fee(s) (specifically authorized or not) are required to keep this application pending, please charge Account No. **04-1928**.